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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-12 remain in this application. Claims 2, 6, 13, and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice in this response. Claims 1, 3-5, and 7 have been amended.

The Examiner has rejected all of the claims in this application under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as unpatentable in view of US Patent Publication No. 2002/0103724 (Huxter). The Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this rejection for the reasons set out below.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that if the delivery to the primary location fails, a notification is communicated to the recipient of an upcoming delivery to a preferred redirection location. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that a response to the notification is received from the recipient. The response is capable of changing the preferred redirection location to an alternative redirection location. Finally, Claim 1 now recites that the parcel is delivered to the alternative redirection location.

The above amendments to Claim 1 are intended to claim a dynamic redirection capability. In other words, the recipient after being notified of the failed delivery to the primary location, can change the redirection location "on the fly". Support for the above amendments may be found in paragraphs 21 and 32 of the subject application.

On the other hand, Huxter teaches that the redirection location is provided by the customer during registration (see paragraph 249 of Huxter). Accordingly, Huxter does not teach or suggest providing the capability for the recipient to dynamically change the redirection location after the delivery to the primary location has failed.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the invention recited in Claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Huxter. Because the remaining claims

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depend from an allowable base claim, the Applicant submits that the remaining claims are also allowable.

Applicant requests that timely notice of allowance be issued in the case.

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